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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 104 EXBD (ITEM 5.1.1): DRAFT DR ON DG'S
ORAL REPORT

REF: PARIS 14337

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT DR (104 EX/DR-2) SUBMITTED ON
DG'S ORAL REPORT. PERM DEL WOULD DRAW DEPT'S ATTENTION
PARTICULARLY TO PART IV CONCERNING MASS MEDIA (SEE REFTEL
FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION). IN VIEW OF RESPONSE TO DG'S
REPORT ON MASS MEDIA, IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT ATTEMPTS
WILL BE MADE TO "STRENGTHEN" THIS SECTION. REQUEST
DEPT'S COMMENTS. ITEM STILL HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

HAVING HEARD THE ORAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION SINCE THE 103RD
SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

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1. CONGRATULATES THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON THE CLEAR AND
DETAILED INFORMATION HE PRESENTED, WHICH MADE POSSIBLE A
WIDE-RANGING DEBATE ON THE SALIENT POINTS OF RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION;

2. STRESSES THE USEFULNESS OF THIS PROCEDURE FOR KEEPING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMED;

3. WELCOMES THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO DEVELOP, THROUGH VISITS TO MEMBER STATES AND CONTACTS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, LINKS WHICH ON THE ONE HAND HELP TO ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATES WITH THE ORIENTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE OF UNESCO, AND ON THE OTHER HAND HELP TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES BETTER KNOWN AN TO STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THEM;

II

4. RECOGNIZES THAT THE DELAY IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1979-1980 (20 C/5) IS DUE TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE INNOVATIONS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT AND (WITHOUT PREJUDGING THE COMMENTS IT MAY MAKE IN DOCUMENT 20 C/6 ON THE CONTENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE C/5 DOCUMENT), STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHANGES MADE IN ORDER TO REFLECT THE IMPLICATIONS OF PLANNING BY OBJECTIVES;

III

5. NOTES THE PROGRESS MADE IN PREPARING UNESCO'S UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO INTENSIFY HIS EFFORTS TO HELP TO INVOLVE THE WORLD SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY MORE CLOSELY IN THIS IMPORTANT EVENT,

6. EMPHASIZES THAT WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM UNESCO IS THE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS PRIMARY COMPETENCE IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THAT IN THAT CAPACITY IT MUST PLAY THE MAJOR ROLE INCOMBENT UPON IT;

7. CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE TO CREATE ANY ADDITIONAL BODY IN THIS FIELD;

IV

8. DEPLORES THE CAMPAIGN OF DEFAMATION BY SOME OF THE MASS MEDIA CONCERNING UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATION, WHICH REVEALS A PROFOUND MISCONCEPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTION AND IDEALS;

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9. THANKS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR THE MEASURES HE HAS
TAKEN TO CORRECT THESE WRONG IMPRESSIONS AND INVITES HIM
TO PURSUE HIS EFFORTS TO THIS END;

10. NOTES THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF COMMUNICATION
PROBLEMS AND STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WORK FOR THE
FUTURE ORIENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAMMES IN
THAT FIELD;

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11. THANKS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR THE INFORMATION
PROVIDED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 4.129
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS NINETEENTH
SESSION CONCERNING THE CITY OF JERUSALEM AND NOTES THAT
IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS RESOLUTION, A REPORT ON THE
QUESTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT
ITS TWENTIETH SESSION;

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12. INVITES THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO MAKE
SIMILAR ORAL REPORTS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT
SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF THE BOARD. END QUOTE.
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